AN ORDINANCE 96855

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF Α MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO DEVELOP THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969 AND THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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WHEREAS, the City has in its Five Year Capital Program, certain airfield improvement projects which are required to increase airfield capacity; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement these projects it is necessary to develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ); and

WHEREAS, the CEQ requires that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) be prominently involved in the EIS process; and

WHEREAS, the current FAA policy requires that they assume the role of lead agency in the preparation of an EIS; and

WHEREAS, in order to initiate the EIS process, it is necessary to execute a Memorandum of Understanding which outlines the responsibilities of the parties; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding; **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Aviation Administration. A copy of said Memorandum of Understanding is attached hereto and incorporated herein referenced above for all purposes as Attachment 1.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December, 2002.

EDWARD D. GARZA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney